

## Recreation

Winding its way through the rugged hills of northwestern Pennsylvania, Tionesta Lake offers a unique setting for a diversity of outdoor recreational opportunities. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers invites you to visit and discover Tionesta's delightful lake and the natural beauty of the surrounding forest.

For those looking for a memorable outdoor experience, Tionesta offers a mix of beautiful scenery and recreational activities that will not soon be forgotten. Outdoor enthusiasts can enjoy boating, camping, hunting, fishing, hiking, waterskiing, picnicking, sightseeing and much more.



Fishermen have found the variety of fishing waters in the area enticing and productive. The clear mountain streams, placid lake and glistening Allegheny River have yielded many fine catches of trout, muskie, walleye, bass and pan fish.

The lake and its miles of unspoiled shoreline offer unlimited opportunities for water-based recreation. Watercraft of all types and sizes can be found on Tionesta Lake, from powerboats of unlimited horsepower with water skiers in tow to sleek canoes and small fishing boats plying the inlets, coves and backwater areas of the lake.



Easy access to the water is provided by boat launches at either end of the lake with ample trailer parking available.

Campers will find a welcome change of pace from everyday urban life at one of Tionesta's many tree-shaded campsites.



Camping facilities range from rustic in nature, located at lakeside and accessible only by boat, to campsites equipped with full hook-ups.



Home to a remarkable variety of wildlife, Tionesta has claim as one of Pennsylvania's best big game regions. Hunters will find deer in abundance as well as bear, turkey and small game. Part of the pleasure of hunting at Tionesta is experiencing the quiet, rejuvenating forest.

If out sightseeing for the day, why not stop at Tionesta and enjoy a leisurely picnic with family or friends or perhaps walk one of the self-guided nature trails? There are also several scenic overlooks that provide exciting vistas of the lake and forested hillsides.

An especially scenic time for sightseeing at Tionesta Lake is in the autumn when the splendor of the fall foliage is at its peak.



**Tionesta Lake**, authorized by the Flood Control Acts of 1936 and 1938, is one of 16 flood control projects in the Pittsburgh District. Tionesta is a key link in a system of flood control projects for the Allegheny and upper Ohio Rivers. Since its completion in 1940, Tionesta has prevented over \$536 million in flood damages. The project's flood control capabilities were dramatically demonstrated during the 1972 flooding resulting from Tropical Storm Agnes when over \$62 million in damages were prevented by Tionesta alone.

### Lake and Dam Statistics

**Location:** On Tionesta Creek, 1.25 miles above the confluence of the creek with the Allegheny River at Tionesta, Pa., and about 100 miles northeast of Pittsburgh, Pa. The project is located entirely in Forest County.

Project area, acres	3,184
Drainage area above dam, square miles	478
Construction cost	\$6,000,000

### Dam

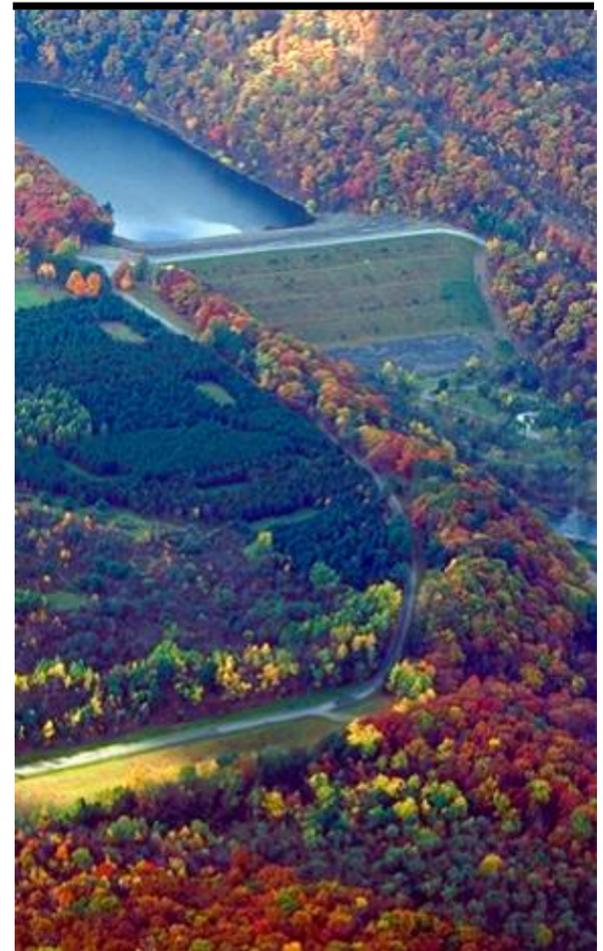
Type of structure:	compacted earth fill with impervious core
Height above streambed, feet	154
Length, feet	1,050
Width at base, feet	1,080
Volume of earth and rock fill, cubic yards	1,772,000
Outlet Works:	concrete lined tunnel 19' in diameter and 1,875' in length. The tunnel passes through the hill near the right abutment of the dam. Discharge is regulated by the control tower containing three 7.5' x 16' vertical lift gates and two 24" gate valves.

### Lake

Length at normal pool, miles	6.3
Area, acres:	
Maximum (reservoir full)	2,770
Normal (summer pool)	480
Elevation, feet above sea level:	
Maximum (reservoir full)	1,170
Normal (summer pool)	1,089
Streambed at dam	1,043



# Tionesta Lake



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Tionesta Recreation Area Campground  
Reservations: (877) 444-6777 or  
[www.Recreation.gov](http://www.Recreation.gov)

*Federal rules and regulations concerning the use of Tionesta Lake are set forth in Title 36, Chapter III of the Code of Federal Regulations and are on display in the areas of this project most frequently used by the public.*

# TIONESTA LAKE

	Dam Site	Glasner Run Camping Area <sup>+</sup>	Kellettville Campground	Lackey Flats Camping Area <sup>+</sup>	Nebraska Access Area <sup>*</sup>	Outflow Camping Area	Tionesta Boat Launch Area	Tionesta Park <sup>#</sup>	Tionesta Recreation Area
Campground	-	X	X	X	-	X	-	-	X
Campground Hookups	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X
Camper Dumping Station	-	-	X	-	-	X	-	-	X
Drinking Water	X	-	X	-	-	X	X	X	X
Fee Area	-	-	X	-	-	X	X	X	X
Information/Visitor Center	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Launching Ramp	-	-	-	-	X	-	X	-	-
Picnic Area	X	-	-	-	-	X	-	X	-
Picnic Shelters	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	X	-
Playground	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	X	X
Restroom Facilities	X	-	X	-	-	X	X	X	X
Accessible Restroom	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X
Showers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X
Trails	X	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	X

<sup>+</sup> Boat Access Only

<sup>\*</sup> Operated by Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission

<sup>#</sup> Operated by Borough of Tionesta

## TO ENJOY A SAFE OUTING OBSERVE THESE SAFETY TIPS!

### Water Hazards

Boat with caution! Be especially aware of the existence of underwater obstructions. In addition, floating debris may be at or near the lake surface as a result of fluctuating pool levels. Boaters and skiers should be watchful for these hazards. Because of these floating and underwater hazards, diving into the water head-first is discouraged.

### Personal Flotation Device (PFD)

All boaters are reminded that U.S. Coast Guard approved PFDs are required for each person on board and that the best protection against drowning is to wear your PFD. At Tionesta Lake you must wear a PFD if you are less than 13 years of age, a non-swimmer, are on a boat less than 16-feet in length or are in a canoe or kayak. Know the rules before you go out on the water.

### Alcoholic and Boating Don't Mix

Please don't drink while operating a boat. Alcohol is involved in at least 50 percent of all drownings and is major cause of death in recreational boating accidents.

### Hunters

Hunting is permitted on Corps and adjoining National Forest lands except in developed recreation areas and posted areas. Exercise extreme caution with firearms at all times. The area is used by others throughout the hunting season.

### Cold Weather Activities

Stay dry, dress in several layers of clothing and wear a hat to conserve body heat. Severe shivering, lack of coordination and confusion are symptoms of hypothermia, a critical condition due to subnormal body temperatures.

### Play it Safe

Swimmers are encouraged to swim at designated areas only. NEVER SWIM ALONE! Children should remain under close supervision at all times, especially when playing in or around the water.

### Remember...

The major causes of drowning are insufficient swimming skills, use of alcohol, failure to wear a PFD and hypothermia associated with cold water.

